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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to refer to your Ministry of National Defence' letter TGEI M4/AT35/513/3/94 of 2 August 1994 concerning the deployment of the Ethiopian contingent to Rwanda. In this connection I am pleased to provide the requested information and further clarification on the matters raised therein.

Please be advised that the Ethiopian battalion will be under the operational command of the Force Commander UNAMIR from the time it arrives in Rwanda and will be initially deployed to the area presently declared as the Humanitarian Protection Zone (HPZ). The battalion will be one of a total of three infantry battalions allocated to this area to take over from the departing French forces. In broad terms, the mission of the Ethiopian battalion will be to assist in the process of:

- Relieving the French Forces in the HPZ;
- Ensuring stability and security in the area of operation;
- Providing security and support to the humanitarian relief effort in Rwanda.

As regards to the question concerning the mode of reimbursement for the troops contributed by your Government, under the guidelines for troop contributing countries, payments for the standard troop costs and related allowances will be made on the basis of actual strength reports submitted by UNAMIR. These reimbursements are made to the Government through the Permanent Mission to the United Nations based on the assessments paid by Member States to the UNAMIR special account.

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The Ethiopian Government will be reimbursed by the United Nations for the following initial costs associated with the deployment of the contingent:

consumables brought to the mission area at the request of the United Nations;

the painting of vehicles;

transportation costs to move personnel and equipment to the mission area. (The rate of reimbursements may not exceed the costs that the UN would have incurred if it had arranged the deployment on a competitive contractual basis).

Finally, please be advised that the support to the contingent in terms of accommodation, rations, fuel and other supplies will be undertaken by UNAMIR for the duration of the deployment. In addition, the daily allowance for troops will be paid by UNAMIR to the contingent members once they have arrived in the mission area.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank your Government for its valuable support to the peace-keeping efforts of the Organization and to extend to you, dear Mr Ambassador, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Hocine Medini

Director

Department of Peace-keeping Operations